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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT 2005-1248 BETWEEN THE REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION DEPARTMENT (PROBATION)
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached agreement (Number 2005-1248) between the University of California, Irvine (UCI) and the County of Los Angeles Probation Department effective the day after Board approval through December 31, 2007, to continue participating in a research project entitled "Outcomes For Probationers with Mental Illness".
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute contract amendments to extend the current contract after approval by County Counsel, if there is a need to continue to participate in the study.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the attached agreement to provide reciprocal indemnification for the parties (Probation and UCI). The research project has been in progress since June 9, 2005, and will be ongoing. In the past, these types of research projects have taken place without formal agreements; however, UCI has requested a formal agreement to provide reciprocal indemnification for both parties for this particular project. Consequently, the proposed agreement was negotiated with UCI with an effective date following Board approval.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #3: Organizational Effectiveness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This agreement will indemnify and defend both parties as specified and acknowledges any financial obligations incurred as a result of the study.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Under the proposed agreement, Probation will continue to provide UCI access to its facilities, including the East San Fernando Valley, Long Beach, Pomona, Santa Monica, Crenshaw, Centinela, South Central and Firestone Area Offices to perform the study. Probation will participate and perform the tasks which include enlisting participants, adult probationer reviews, and Deputy Probation Officer surveys. The study is designed to work toward evidence-based practices in probation and mental health matters. One of the primary goals of the study is to determine whether specialty mental health caseloads are more effective than traditional caseloads in reducing probationer's symptoms and improving their likelihood of successfully completing probation. The proposed agreement will be ongoing until the research study is completed.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel